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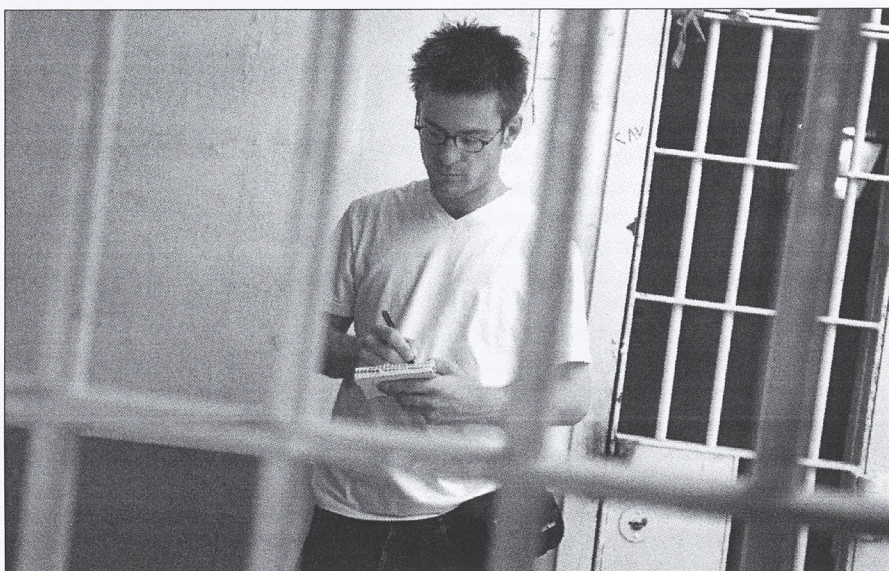
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Blinded by the Sunlight: Recounting a Harrowing Experience in Iraq

OPC member Matthew McAllester, a reporter for *Newsday*, was in his Baghdad hotel room when plainclothes Iraqi soldiers barged in, handcuffed him, bundled him into a pick-up truck and threatened him with death. *Newsday* photographer Moises Saman, photojournalist Molly Bingham (American) and Johan Spanner (Danish) were taken as well. McAllester quickly realized that this was no routine deportation of journalists. At a police checkpoint he overheard the driver say "mukhabarat" (Saddam Hussein's secret police) and he realized that he was being taken to Abu Ghraib—the country's most feared prison—a notorious center for the torture and interrogation of Saddam's political enemies. It lived up to his fears. Night after night while McAllester was in prison he could hear the screams of other prisoners being tortured as American bombs were exploding outside.

Meanwhile, on the homefront the editors of *Newsday* were frantically trying to win the release of their journalists, reaching out to everyone from the Vatican to Iraq's Ambassador to the United Nations to the Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. After being missing for eight days, the

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Newsday's Matt McAllester, in his cell in Iraq's notorious Abu Ghraib prison, as photographed by fellow prisoner and Newsday photographer Moises Saman.

Covering a Complex World for a Skeptical Public

By Jane Reilly

Today's foreign correspondents are different from the ones Mark Whitaker first encountered when he began his career almost 30 years ago. Instead of the cowboy types who were as well known for entertaining their peers with colorful tales at the local watering hole as for their reporting skills, the editor of *Newsweek* described today's incoming reporters as more serious, more academically inclined, and better trained—a positive direction for the future of journalism and necessary as news organizations, like his own, adapt to an increasingly complex media environment. In a captivating keynote address at the OPC Foundation's

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Newsweek Editor Mark Whitaker addresses the 2004 Scholarship Luncheon.

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How the UN's Past Shapes its Present

By Shelley Neumeier

The United Nations is making quite a comeback. Until recently, the current US administration dismissed the UN as verging on irrelevance. Now US officials are almost begging the UN to return to Iraq to help smooth the transition to self-governance.

Those familiar with the history of the UN wouldn't be surprised by this development. After all, the US played a vital role in its founding, and did so largely because Presidents Roosevelt and Truman believed that being part of an international body would increase US security in the post-war world.

The hot and cold relationship between the UN and the US was just one of the themes discussed at an OPC book night that featured authors of two recent books on the UN: Stephen Schlesinger, publisher of the World Policy Journal at New York's New School University, who wrote "The Founding of the United Nations: A Story of Superpowers, Secret Agents, Wartime Allies and Enemies, and Their Quest for a Peaceful World," and Linda Fasulo, UN correspondent for NBC News and MSNBC, who wrote "An Insider's Guide to the UN."

Warren Hoge, UN Bureau Chief for *The New York Times*, moderated the discussion, first asking Schlesinger to address the kind of institution the UN's



Authors Linda Fasulo and Stephen Schlesinger, with moderator Warren Hoge (center).

founders intended it to be, and then turning to Fasulo to speak about what it has in fact become.

Schlesinger pointed out that some of the best minds in America were involved in creating the original UN charter, which was presented at the San Francisco Conference in May 1945: John Foster Dulles acted as the legal advisor; Adlai Stevenson worked as a press officer and public face of the team; John F. Kennedy covered the event as a reporter; and Nelson Rockefeller worked as the assistant for Latin American affairs. "This is

truly a document made in America—and yet we've disowned it," Schlesinger said. "We should be proud of it."

Fasulo countered that while today the US rejects some parts of the UN, it embraces others—particularly UNICEF and UNESCO, which the US has just re-entered after a nearly two-decade absence. "The US gets its way when the US knows exactly what it wants and the entire government is on the same page," she said. Fasulo blames some of the recent tension between the US and the

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Middle East—Covering the Coverage

by Al Kaff

"From first to last the Arabs never grappled with the problem, the still unsolved problem, of the stable progressive state; everywhere their form of government was absolutist and subject to the convulsions, changes, intrigues, and murders that have always characterized the extreme forms of monarchy."

— "The Outline of History" by H. G. Wells (1920)

December 2, 2003

In a letter replying to an OPC protest, Dr. Sayed Makhdoom Raheen, Afghanistan's minister of information and culture, said he closed a government-supported newspaper, so as "to reduce the number of government papers to give an impetus to privatization. The paper that happened to be closed was *Arman-i-Milli* because it was almost one and a half year old. We had to spare *Islah*, established in 1929, and *Anis*, set up in 1927, for their historical values and services to enlighten the public at large." In its letter to the minister, the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee charged that the paper was closed because it "had recently carried articles critical of your administration" (January *Bulletin*). Replying to another OPC protest, the minister wrote that Afghan Cable Centre's TV broadcasts were temporarily banned "by the chief justice as a result of the petitions made to him by a few Jalalabad residents protesting the film shows emanating from overseas corrupting the morals of the youth."

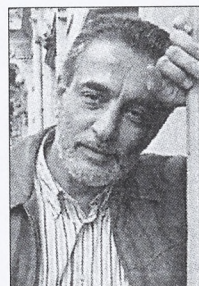
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The New York Times wrote: "The first hint that Hyder Akbar is not Afghanistan's most seasoned radio reporter is his sign-on. 'Hello,' he says. The next hint is his voice, the relaxed drawl of a California teenager, peppered with 'All rights,' and laced with sighs and laughs. It is a strange format for the type of news he often reports—exhilarating exclusive stories that would be the envy of many reporters." Akbar, 18, says: "I'm probably one of very few civilians to have witnessed a secret U.S. interrogation of a suspected terrorist." Son of Afghan parents, Akbar has reported from Afghanistan on national public radio broadcasts originating in Chicago and New York. His father, director of Radio Kabul before the Afghan wars, moved the family to California and ran a clothing store but returned to Afghanistan to

join President Hamid Karzai's new government. Young Akbar spent two summers in Kabul with his father, skipping his high school graduation and prom. A bomb exploded outside his hotel. He viewed the body of an assassinated vice president. He visited a town where its men were massacred by Communists 25 years ago. A convoy he was riding with was ambushed. Now the young reporter is back in Concord, California, attending community college.

December 14

Taysir Alony, a correspondent for the Arab TV network Al Jazeera, awaits trial in Spain after being arrested in September on charges that he helped finance Al Qaeda in Afghanistan. The network's former Kabul bureau chief, he is accused of transferring \$4,000 in cash to an Al Qaeda official in Afghanistan from a man said to be the leader of Al Qaeda's Spanish network. But Alony told Desmond Butler of *The New York Times* the cash was charitable donations: "We are Muslim and our religion requires us to give a certain amount of money per year, a zakat, to the poor. The accusations that I was helping finance Al Qaeda are ridiculous. Mr. bin Laden is a multimillionaire, why would he need these small sums?" After 48 days in jail, Alony was released for health reasons.



Taysir Alony

December 15

In a letter to Paul Bremer, senior administrator of the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, the OPC Freedom of the Press committee requested a full report on the murder of Ahmed Shawkat, editor of the weekly *Bila Ittijah*. Unidentified gunmen killed Shawkat in October on a rooftop where he was attempting to make a phone call. Rosa Shawkat, the editor's daughter, said her father repeatedly issued "calls for democracy and our people don't understand the meaning of democracy—maybe the Islamists have taken a stance against him for that reason."

The OPC letter signed by Bill Collins and Larry Martz also asked Bremer's assistance in persuading the Iraqi Governing Council to lift the broadcast

ban on Al-Arabiya, a satellite TV news channel based in Dubai. Iraqi police shut down Al-Arabiya's Baghdad office after it broadcast a statement purportedly from Saddam Hussein urging Iraqis to kill members of the transitional government.

In a letter to Tom Ridge, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, the OPC protested a U.S. requirement that journalists from some 27 countries obtain visas, while tourists and business people from the same nations may enter without visas. The letter cited examples at Los Angeles International Airport: Danish journalist Thomas Sjoerup was fingerprinted, given a DNA test, searched in front of other passengers and then deported; three French correspondents including Alexandre Alfonsi were detained for 26 hours, handcuffed, interrogated, body searched six times and then sent back to France. Rachel Bletchley of *The People* published in the United Kingdom and Austrian correspondent Peter Krobath also were detained and handcuffed. The Austrian was held overnight in a jail and deported the next day.

December 17, 2003

Complaining that Americans are not getting the full story of progress in Iraq, the Pentagon is transmitting Coalition Provisional Authority news briefings live from Baghdad to the United States by satellite and making them available to network affiliates, cable stations and government agencies. Dorrance Smith, a former ABC News producer of "This Week with David Brinkley" and "Nightline," is in charge of the operation. He told *The New York Times*, "You would be getting a better picture if more of the anchors and more of the front-liners would actually come to Iraq to see things for themselves."

December 31

A car bomb killed eight people in Baghdad's upscale Nabil Restaurant during New Year Eve revelries and wounded 35 others including three *Los Angeles Times* correspondents: OPC member Tracy Wilkinson, Chris Kraul and Ann Simmons. Tracy, the newspaper's former Jerusalem bureau chief, shared in the Pulitzer Prize the *LATimes* won for its coverage of the Rodney King riot, and she reported earlier from Peru and Nicaragua for UPI.

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SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

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Scholarship Luncheon at the Yale Club on January 23, Whitaker spoke eloquently of the three telling characteristics that define today's evolving media climate: relentless competition, complex world issues like terrorism and globalization, and public skepticism about the press.

As for how a journalist navigates these turbulent waters, Whitaker explained how *Newsweek* made the calculated decision to abandon that segment of the public who has little time for news—once the mainstay of national weekly news magazines—and to focus instead on news junkies. "The challenge," he noted, "is to make it work for an audience of three million." For him, that means longer, in-depth articles and more opinion pieces. "We don't pretend to be objective, but we seek to be unpredictable," he said.

Before the audience of 200, he advised, "If your reporting leads you to a conclusion, do not be afraid to reach a conclusion—as long as you back it up with solid reporting." Problems, he noted, occur when reporters start with a conclusion then search for or stretch the facts to support it. Moreover, he's concerned that some people rely on biased sources. "I'm not sure we change that," he added, "I'm not sure everyone wants to hear both sides."

The challenge to seek out and accept the risks involved in good journalism especially resonated with the twelve 2004 OPC Foundation Scholarship winners who had just accepted their awards from various family members and close friends of those in whose names the scholarships are given. New this year was the Flora Lewis Scholarship, presented by her son Lindsey Gruson, who spoke movingly of how much this award would have meant to his mother, the long-time Paris Bureau Chief of the *New York Times*. Besides a check for \$2,000, the winners also received a year free membership in the Overseas Press Club. The group toured AP in the morning before the luncheon and Reuters in the afternoon.

As master of ceremonies, Bill Holstein, OPC Foundation president, articulated the purpose of the scholarships as well as the Foundation's mission. Recognizing that American news organizations have cut back on their networks of foreign correspondents, he noted, "it is incumbent upon us, those who care about what Americans know about the world, that we identify the best and the brightest

of the next generation of correspondents, and attempt to give them the incentives and the tools to go out into the world."

The 2004 winners, ten graduate students and two undergraduate students, were selected from a pool of more than 200 applicants from 60 different colleges and universities. While the ten graduate students are now part of the graduate

programs at the University of California at Berkeley, New York University, Columbia University and Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, they all received their undergraduate degrees from different schools. This year's undergraduate winners are seniors at the University of Tennessee/ Knoxville and Yale University.

OPC Foundation Scholarship Winners



2004 OPC Foundation scholars, from left: (front row) Nicholas Zamiska, Krista Mahr, Martin Patience, Garance Burke, and Matt Whittaker; (back row) Joseph Hanel, Sarah Garland, Andrew Strickler, Tess Taylor, Doug Merlino, Fariba Nawa, and David Shaftel.

Following is a list of the 2004 scholarship recipients, their affiliations, the prize they won, the presenter, and a brief description of their winning applications. The winners emerged from a highly competitive selection process. They were chosen from a pool of 200 applicants from 60 different colleges and universities.

DOUG MERLINO

University of California/Berkeley
Graduate School of Journalism
ALEXANDER KENDRICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Sponsored by his brother, Victor, and presented by Bill Holstein

From conversations he had with refugees while traveling in West Africa, Doug became interested in how societies

and states recover from mass trauma. A graduate of Claremont McKenna College, Doug wrote about the success of an experimental court system in Sierra Leone in handling post-conflict justice.

NICHOLAS ZAMISKA

Yale University
DAVID R. SCHWEISBERG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Sponsored by his family and presented by his father, Emanuel Schweisberg

When he spent a summer as an English teacher in China, Nicholas became a critic of China's atrophied media establishment. He wrote about the self-censoring he encountered as a teacher and its numbing impact on his classroom.

OPC Foundation Scholarship Winners

ANDREW C. STRICKLER

University of California/Berkeley
Graduate School of Journalism

REUTERS SCHOLARSHIP

*Sponsored by Reuters and
presented by David Schlesinger,
Reuters Global Editor*

During his extensive travels, Andrew became fascinated with the disconnection that occurs between the intentions of those in power and their effects on those they exert influence upon. A graduate of St. John's College in Santa Fe, he wrote about his plans to investigate the intended and unforeseen impact of American trade legislation on the Kenyan and Ugandan economies.

TESS TAYLOR

New York University Graduate
School of Journalism

HARPER'S MAGAZINE SCHOLARSHIP

in memory of I.F.Stone

*Endowed by John R. MacArthur.
Publisher of Harper's,
and presented by
Jacqueline Albert-Simon*

An Amherst College graduate, Tess is concerned with the international politics surrounding dumping solid waste and the effects of landfills on the communities who live with them. She wrote about the long-term impact of the 4,000 tons of poisoned incinerator ash that the ship, Khian Sea, dumped on a beach almost 20 years ago outside Gonaives, Haiti, and the implications it has for New York City and other American municipalities.

FARIBA NAWA

New York University Graduate
School of Journalism and
Near Eastern Studies

IRENE CORBALLY KUHN SCHOLARSHIP

*Endowed by the Scripps Howard
Foundation and presented by
Pamela Howard*

An Afghan-born American Muslim who is fluent in Persian/Dari and Arabic, Fariba has begun her next major project, a book on the still-untold story of the drug trade in Afghanistan. She spent a summer on the border of Iran and Afghanistan and wrote her essay about the Afghan families she encountered who sell off their young daughters as brides to pay off drug debts.

JOSEPH HANEL

Johns Hopkins School of Advanced
International Studies

H.L. STEVENSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

*Sponsored by donations from family
and friends, and presented by
Bill Holstein*

After a railroad journey that took him from St. Petersburg to Hong Kong, Joe wrote about the life lessons learned playing Black Jack in the dining car on the Trans-Siberian Railroad. A graduate of the University of Colorado, he traveled from Bologna, Italy, to accept the award.

MATT WHITTAKER

University of Tennessee/Knoxville
STAN SWINTON SCHOLARSHIP

*Endowed and presented by his wife,
Helen Swinton*

As an exchange student studying journalism in Denmark, Matt traveled to Bosnia and Herzegovina to learn more about landmines. In his essay, Matt wrote about the financial and human cost of the seemingly forgotten yet ongoing problem of leftover landmines in Bosnia.

SARAH GARLAND

New York University Graduate
School of Journalism

THEO WILSON SCHOLARSHIP

*Sponsored by donations from family
and friends and presented by
Theo's friend George Burns*

A graduate of Macalester College, Sarah wrote about the transnationalization of Mexican gangs, and what happens when Mexican New York gang members return home to Mexico and bring their violent ways with them. Sarah intends to expand her research on this issue to El Salvador.

GARANACE BURKE

University of California/Berkeley
Graduate School of Journalism

EMANUEL R. FREEDMAN SCHOLARSHIP

*Endowed by family and presented by
his son, Eric Freedman*

As a reporter in Mexico City, Garance became enmeshed in the country's economic crisis and the socio-political stories it spawned. Garance, who majored in anthropology at Brown,

wrote about the absence of outrage concerning the disappearance and murders of young women in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico.

MARTIN PATIENCE

Columbia University Graduate
School of Journalism

DAN ELDON SCHOLARSHIP

*Sponsored by family and friends
and presented by Dan's friend,
Maha Chehlaoui*

From Scotland and a graduate of the University of Glasgow, Martin spent four days last summer with the Ma'aza Bedouins in Egypt's Eastern Desert. He wrote about the Bedouin culture, its dependence on rain, and the attraction for one Bedouin who nevertheless moved away.

DAVID SHAFTEL

Columbia University Graduate
School of Journalism

ROY ROWAN SCHOLARSHIP

*Sponsored by family, friends
and admirers, and presented by
Roy Rowan*

A reporter for two years at *The Cambodian Daily*, David turned his sights on Cambodia's neighbor, writing his essay on the history and life of those who live near the Burma Road. A government major at Lehigh, he intends to continue his research in Burma on economic and social issues that transcend borders.

KRISTA MAHR

University of California/Berkeley
Graduate School of Journalism

FLORA LEWIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

*Sponsored by her family and friends
and presented by her son,
Lindsey Gruson*

Krista first met the people of Tasiilaq, capital of East Greenland, as a reporter for an Icelandic magazine. In her essay, she wrote about the life of its indigenous Inuit residents who, while living in one of the most far-flung corners of the earth, are caught between their native culture and the imported Western world.

*This was the 13th straight year the
OPC Foundation awarded scholarships
to deserving graduate and undergraduate
students who are interested in pursuing
careers as foreign correspondents.*

THE KNICKERBOCKER

From The New York Sun, Jan. 8, 2004



Worker-Bees pose just before they go into action for the Holiday Party: Boots Duque, Sonya Fry, Jane Reilly and Lisa Chan.

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NEWS NOTES The Overseas Press Club of America held its holiday party on Tuesday in Midtown at Club

Quarters. Among the new members present were **Elena Becatoros**, who works with the Associated Press in New York and formerly was on the international desk of AP in Athens; freelance journalist **Annie Cheney**, and **Leah Nathans Spiro**, a senior editor at HarperCollins who works on business books. Greeting guests were the executive director of the OPC, **Sonya Fry**, and the OPC's president, **Alexis Gelber**, director of special projects at Newsweek.

Among the crowd was **Michel Lambert** of Quebec Government House in New York; **Jack Lee** and **Jo Hsu** of

the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York; the OPC treasurer, **Jacqueline Albert-Simon**, associate editor and U.S. bureau chief of *Politique Internationale*, and a former OPC president, **Roy Rowan**, who has covered the world for *Time*, *Life*, and *Fortune* magazines. He recently wrote "Solomon Starbucks Striper: A Fish Story about Following Your Dreams" (Book Nook Press), and previously wrote a book about American presidents and their dogs.

Also at the party was **Linda Goetz Holmes**, an officer with the Society of the Silurians and a scholar on the subject of American prisoners of war in Japan; British columnist **Charles Sweeting** of the *Union Jack*; **Jack Pulwers**, who wrote "The Press of Battle: The GI Reporter and the American People" (Ivy House Publishing), and *Newsweek's* editor, **Mark Whitaker**, who will speak at the OPC Foundation Scholarship Luncheon on January 23 in Midtown.

The Overseas Press Club of America was founded in 1939 in New York. Its first meeting was at a bar in Greenwich Village; the second occurred at the famed roundtable at the Algonquin Hotel.

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—Gary Shapiro



Four Past Presidents proudly support the OPC: Roy Rowan, Bill Holstein, Larry Smith and Larry Martz.



Larry Smith with Harem: Helen Swinton, Helen Rowan, Dorothea Smith and Gloria Martí.



Enjoying the Holiday cheer are Linda Goetz Holmes, Allan Dodds Frank, Cait Murphy and President Alexis Gelber.



New members in 2003 are identified with a rose: Jack Pulwers, Megan Mulligan, Annie Cheney, Sibby Christensen, Elena Becatoros, Leah Nathans Spiro.

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PEOPLE...with Al Kaff

GORDON CURRIE/BILL SHINN

ATHENS, Ohio: Terry Anderson

has gone into politics. The former AP correspondent who was held hostage in Lebanon for nearly seven years by pro-Iranian Shiite Muslims, set up a campaign office in January and is running as a Democrat for the Ohio State Senate seat held by Republican James E. Carnes, who is leaving for a job with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. "My campaign is focused on education and jobs," Anderson, 56, told "People." "The six counties in my Appalachian district are very poor." For a time after his release Terry taught in the journalism school at Ohio University as the Scripps Howard Visiting Professor and was director of the school's International Journalism Institute. In 2000, a U.S. federal court awarded Anderson \$41.2 million in compensatory damages for his captivity. The U.S. government authorized payment from U.S. funds to be reimbursed by Iran or from frozen Iranian assets.



Terry Anderson

BERLIN: With 12 million readers, *Bild* usually fills its columns with crime, violence and scandal. But under a front-page headline, "There's only good news today," the daily dropped its normal fare Dec. 24 for articles about tax cuts, falling gas prices and accelerating economic growth. *Bild* columnist **Peter Bacher** wrote that there was always plenty of good news even if it was "sometimes overshadowed by evil, horror and terror."

BOGOTA: In a January letter to Colombian President Alvaro Uribe Velez, **Larry Martz** and **Norman Schorr**, co-chairs of the OPC Freedom of the Press Committee, wrote that the fatal shooting of TV newsman **William Soto Cheng** "underscores yet again Colombia's position as the most dangerous country in this hemisphere for journalists." Cheng, the fifth journalist killed in Colombia last year in retaliation for his work, was shot by two men

on a motorbike in Buenaventura in December. His program "Litoral Pacifico" denounced corruption and irregularities by government officials and security force members.

◆ **Mark Henderson**, 32, a British television producer, was released last December after Colombian leftist rebels held him hostage for 102 days. He was kidnapped while on a backpacking trip. Four Israelis were released with him.



Mark Henderson and his mother

CAIRO: Donna Bryson, AP's Middle East news editor, wrote: "When my daughter is older, I'll probably fill her head with the exotic experience of giving birth on an island on the Nile." The child was born last November on Manial, an island off downtown Cairo, by Cesarean section while Donna's husband, **Fred Glick**, sang a children's ditty as he sat



Donna Bryson, Fred Glick and their daughter Thandi

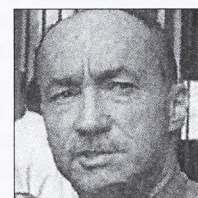
near his wife's shoulder. Donna could have returned to the United States for the delivery, but she gained confidence in Egyptian facilities while researching a story about the birth of conjoined twins in a remote Egyptian village. She wrote: "More Egyptian babies are surviving, even those with severe problems.... According to the latest UNICEF report, infant mortality in Egypt plunged from 189 deaths per 1,000 births in 1960 to 35 in 2001."

DHAKA: Manik Shaha, 48, a journalist with the Bangladeshi daily *New*

Age and BBC, was killed in the country's turbulent southwest in mid-January when several men stopped his rickshaw and hurled a bomb at him. Shaha had been reporting on armed Maoist groups and criminal gangs operating in the area. Before the attack, the OPC, the Committee to Protect Journalists, Reporters Sans Frontieres and the World Association of Newspapers sent letters to Bangladeshi Prime Minister Khaleda Zia protesting a series of violent attacks and death threats against journalists. *The New York Times* commented in an editorial: "Their alarm is quite justified. Bangladesh may now be among the world's most dangerous countries for journalists." In a letter to *The Times*, M. Muhaddes, press minister in Bangladesh's mission to the United Nations, wrote that the editorial's claim "is a sweeping statement that bears no relationship to the reality on the ground. Bangladeshi journalists have traditionally been fiercely independent and have had a great historical role in the evolution of the country's values."

GUANGZHOU, China: Police raided the state-owned *Southern Metropolitan Daily's* offices Jan. 6 after the paper reported China's first SARS case since last summer. The paper's chief editor, **Cheng Yizhong**, and six of its business executives were held overnight for questioning on suspicion of financial crimes. The *Daily* was the first media outlet to report the new SARS outbreak, prompting authorities to confirm recurrence of the disease. **Joseph Kahn** of *The New York Times* reported from Beijing: "Employees [of the paper] said they interpreted the daytime detention of Mr. Cheng as a clear signal that the newspaper had exceeded the tight boundaries of press freedom and offended provincial officials."

HARARE: Three *Zimbabwe Independent* journalists were arrested Jan. 10 on charges of criminal defamation for writing that President Robert G. Mugabe used a national airline plane for personal travel. Editor **Iden Wetherell**, news editor **Vincent Kahiya** and reporter **Dumisani Muleya** were arrested after their paper reported that Mugabe ordered an Air Zimbabwe plane to fly him from



Iden Wetherell

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Submit Your Entries!

The International Women's Media Foundation is seeking nominations for its 2004 *Courage in Journalism Awards* and *Lifetime Achievement Award*. The first set of awards honor women journalists who have demonstrated extraordinary strength of character in pursuing their profession under difficult or dangerous circumstances, such as government oppression, political pressure, physical danger or other intimidating obstacles. The *Lifetime Achievement Award* recognizes a woman journalist who has a pioneering spirit and whose determination has paved the way for future generations of women in the media. The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2004. For more information, visit the IWMF website at <http://www.iwmf.org/courage/nominate.php>.

The Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University is accepting nominations for the Maria Moors Cabot Prizes, the oldest international awards in journalism. The awards recognize journalists who have enhanced sympathetic understanding among the peoples of the Western Hemisphere. The deadline for submissions is April 1. Forms are available online at <http://www.jrn.columbia.edu/events/cabot/>. For more information, call (212) 854-5974 or e-mail cabot@jrn.columbia.edu.

The John S. Knight Fellowships Program is accepting applications from Latin American journalists for the 2004-2005 Knights Fellowship program at Stanford University. Knights Fellows receive a stipend of \$55,000, plus tuition, housing supplements, airfare and other expenses. One fellowship a year is reserved for Latin American journalists. Candidates must have five years' professional experience and be fluent in English. The application deadline is March 1, 2004. For more information, visit <http://knight.stanford.edu>.

PEOPLE

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Malaysia to Indonesia, leaving passengers stranded. They were released on bail.

HONG KONG: In a move to increase membership and market its facilities, the Foreign Correspondents' Club created a new job, membership marketing executive, and appointed associate member **Marilyn Hood** to fill it. Club President **Kate Dawson** reported that nearly 200 members dropped out after the economy turned bad in 2001, but the trend has reversed with almost 100 new members in the last half of the year. **Sandra Pang** of Pronto Communications now is handling advertising sales for *The Correspondent*, the club's bi-monthly magazine, and Dawson said "It looks like our ad revenue should increase in the coming year."

LONDON: It was a traumatic weekend at Hollinger International, owner of *The Daily Telegraph*, *The Chicago Sun-Times*, *The Jerusalem Post* and *The Spectator* magazine. On Friday, Jan. 16, a special Hollinger committee sued its founder, **Conrad M. Black**, for misusing company money by directing more than \$224 million to himself and others, allegedly greater than their services. On Saturday, the company's executive committee removed Black as non-executive chairman. On Sunday, Black announced he will sell his controlling interest in Hollinger for about \$178 million to **David and Frederick Barclay**, British twin brothers who own *The Scotsman*, London's *Sunday Business*, several smaller papers and London's Ritz Hotel. On Monday Black asked a Canadian court to issue an injunction that would prevent Hollinger's board from trying to block his sale to the Barclays. Black had resigned as Hollinger's chief executive in November (January *Bulletin*).

MASBATE CITY, Philippines: **Nelson Madura**, host of a political affairs radio program on which he has criticized local officials, was fatally shot by two gunmen when he was leaving the radio station after his daily broadcast Dec. 2. In a letter to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee said Madura's murder was the seventh in the Philippines in 2003 and the 49th since democracy was restored in 1986. No one has been punished for any of the killings despite a presidential offer of 15,000

euros (about U.S.\$18,000) to any person helping secure the arrest of the murder of a journalist, the Committee wrote.

McLEAN, Virginia: **Jack Kelley**, a *USA Today* foreign correspondent who had worked for the paper since its founding in 1982, resigned in January after an inquiry into the accuracy of his reporting. In a Jan. 13 article, *USA Today* said Kelley resigned after being confronted with evidence that he had misled editors during a seven-month inquiry into his reporting. The paper said it failed to resolve whether Kelley falsified information in his articles but had "serious concerns" about his work. Editors were looking into the accuracy of Kelley dispatches including a 1999 report that U.N. war crime investigators discovered a Yugoslav army notebook that contained "a direct order to a lieutenant to 'cleanse'" a village, a 1998 article about a gun market in Pakistan that was similar to an earlier *Washington Post* dispatch and Kelley's 2000 report on accompanying nine Cubans as they tried to leave Cuba in a boat. In a statement, Kelley, 43, a 2002 Pulitzer Prize finalist, said: "I walk away from *USA Today* knowing that in my 21-year career, I have never fabricated or plagiarized a story."



Jack Kelley

MIAMI: OPC member **Stuart Falk**, who received a liver transplant in 2001, has been honored as a Golden Angel by the Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami for his work on behalf of the Schiff Liver Institute and organ donation. Stuart, a former executive at *The New York Times* and *American Lawyer Media (Law.com)*, urges OPC members to execute an organ donation authorization form. Information can be obtained from the United Network for Organ Sharing at www.unos.org

MOSCOW: OPC member **Preston Mendenhall** was transferred to NBC News's Moscow bureau in January after five years as an MSNBC.com correspondent in London.

NEW YORK: Winners of OPC Foundation Scholarships continue to achieve the program's goal: encouraging young people to become international corre-

spondents. OPC member **Roy Rowan** received e-mail reports from two winners of the scholarship named for him. **Corrie MacLaggan**, whose interviews with young people in Vietnam won the 2002 award, reported: "After a great year at the *El Paso Times*, I'm just getting settled in my new home, Mexico City. I am working here as a freelance reporter, writing in English for publications in the U.S."

Marton Dunai spent three years with a Hungarian newspaper and won last year's Rowan scholarship with an essay on how adding former Soviet allies to the European Union will force the EU to take responsibility for seven Chernobyl-like nuclear plants. He reported: "I spent the summer in Europe working in Prague, Berlin and Budapest, writing a big story about nuclear near-accidents. It's a fascinating tale. It made me realize how much I received from the scholarship, not only the money, but in perspective and motivation."

Jason McLure, a Peace Corps volunteer in Niger for two years, won last year's Emanuel Freedman Scholarship with a report on how U.S. farm subsidies drive down grain prices in Africa and disrupt village life. He wrote to **Jane Reilly**, executive director of the scholarship program: "I'm still working at *Newsweek* in their Boston bureau and trying to finish my master's degree from Missouri online....If/when things wrap up here I'll be looking at going back to Africa. *Newsweek* and the *Christian Science Monitor* have both said they would use me as a stringer if that's what I decide to do."

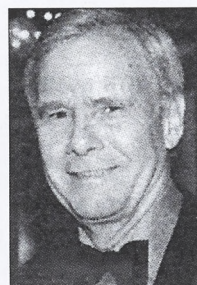
Patrick Chu has resigned from the OPC Board of Governors because of his transfer to Tokyo. He continues as managing editor of Bloomberg News and has been constantly on the move from New York to Washington to Tokyo during the past year. Chu arranged for Bloomberg to publish the Club's 2003 *Dateline* magazine. **John R. MacArthur**, publisher of *Harper's* magazine, succeeded Chu, moving up to full board member from first active alternate member.

Two former foreign correspondents became *New York Times* editors in January. **Susan Chira**, a former *Times* reporter in Tokyo, was appointed foreign editor. She succeeded OPC member **Roger Cohen**, 48, who will write a twice-weekly column on international affairs for *The International Herald*

Tribune starting in March while serving as *Times* international writer-at-large. Chira, 45, joined *The Times* in 1981. In addition to Japan, she was a correspondent in Albany, New York, and Stamford, Connecticut; national education and business reporter, deputy foreign editor, editor of the Week in Review and, since 2002, editorial director of *The Times'* book development.

Lawrence Ingrassia, 51, former London bureau chief for *The Wall Street Journal*, was hired by *The Times* as business editor, succeeding **Glenn Kramon**, who was named an associate managing editor last October. Ingrassia joined *The WSJ* in 1978 and worked as a reporter in Chicago and Minneapolis, bureau chief in Boston and London, and an editor in New York. He directed *Journal* reporting that won two Pulitzer Prizes: 2002 for coverage of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and last year for reporting on corporate scandals.

Network news anchors and executives met with Tom Ridge, U.S. Homeland Security Secretary, Jan. 13 to discuss media-government issues. **Peter Jennings**, ABC World News Tonight, told the *Daily News*: "The dinner was a wide-ranging discussion about international terrorism and domestic security. The topics included the challenge for the networks if, God forbid, there was ever another catastrophe similar to 9/11." **Roger Ailes**, Fox News chairman, said, "I think we got a little better understanding of their [the government's] process and how they make their decisions of what they're going to announce to the public." Others at the dinner meeting in media mogul **Steven Brill's** Fifth Avenue apartment were OPC members **Tom Brokaw**, NBC Nightly News, and **Andrew Heyward**, CBS News president; **David Westin**,



Tom Brokaw



Steve Brill



Tom Ridge

ABC News president; and **Aaron Brown**, CNN.

OPC member **Dan Rather**, recovering from facial surgery, was unable to attend. Doctors removed several cancerous basal cell spots from Rather's face Jan. 6. He anchored the CBS Evening News the night before the procedure and took off until the Jan. 19 Iowa caucuses. Rather told viewers the surgery "remains a humbling learning experience. So I thank you for your understanding and concern and urge you to get a skin cancer examination."

OPC member **Frank Gomez** has retired from Altria Group, Inc., where he headed media relations and executive outreach. He has joined a new public opinion and strategic communications firm, LatinInsights, which specializes in the U.S. Hispanic market and Latin America.

Gerald Boyd, who resigned as managing editor of *The New York Times* last June during the **Jason Blair** trouble, started teaching at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism in January. Boyd, a former *Times* White House correspondent, also is writing a book about his newspaper career and challenges that face journalists.

Garrick Utley, who during 40 years reported from Vietnam and 74 other countries for NBC News and CNN, was named president of the Neil D. Levin Graduate Institute of International Relations and Commerce at the State University of New York in January. Utley was one of several CNN veterans whose contracts were not renewed last year while the network cut costs and focused on snappy live reports, the *New York Daily News* reported. The new school will offer master degrees and accept its first students this autumn. The school is named for the executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, who was killed in the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center.



Garrick Utley

PARIS: **Floyd Norris**, chief financial correspondent for *The New York Times*,
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started writing a weekly column on international markets for *The Times*-owned *International Herald Tribune* in January, working from both Paris and New York. "Floyd's appointment underscores our determination to reinvigorate the *IHT* and make it indispensable for the international business reader, just as it has been and will remain for the general reader," **Walter Wells**, the *IHT*'s executive editor, said.

RATANAKIRI, Cambodia: In 13 remote villages in northeastern Cambodia, e-mail is delivered to village schools from a moving motorcycle and ox cart through a wireless connection on the back of the bike to computers in classrooms. "As the bike passes each school, the e-mail is exchanged in a few seconds, opening the prospect of giving every village in the world a voice, a telemedicine link, the opportunity for kids to communicate to other kids anywhere, and introducing participatory democracy where any villager can submit a grievance to the governor and get a response," **Bernie Krisher** reported. A former Tokyo correspondent for *Newsweek* and *Fortune*, Krisher has spent the past several years collecting money to build 225 schools in Cambodian villages. Named First Mile Solutions, the e-mail technology was developed by Amir Alexander Hasson and Rich Fletcher, alumni of the media lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

SAN JOSE, California: **Jim Hummel**, a former art director at *Pacific Stars & Stripes* in Tokyo and later with AP, has won a Ruben Award for Advertising and Illustrations, given annually by the National Cartoonists Society and named for the Society's first president, **Rube Goldberg**. Hummel now freelances from his home in San Jose.



Jim Hummel

SANTA ROSA de COPAN, Honduras: German Antonio Rivas, a reporter and owner of TV station Corporacion Maya Vision, was shot and killed by two attackers as he entered the

station's studios Nov. 26. In a letter to President Ricardo Maduro of Honduras, the OPC Freedom of the Press committee said "the murder is all the more dismaying" because requested protection was never provided Rivas after an unsuccessful attempt to shoot him in February. Rivas was threatened after his station broadcast reports on smuggling operations across the Guatemalan border and dumping of cyanide into the Rio Lara.

SEOUL: OPC member **Don Kirk**, a long-time newspaper correspondent in Asia, has left the *International Herald Tribune* and *The New York Times* and now is working full-time on a book about Korea, a two-year-or-so project, he told "People."

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia: Those OPC members who braved the cold to see the Russian Academy Award entry "The Return" were rewarded with a spiritual, eerie, strange and beautiful film. In a bizarre reversal of art imitating life, Volodia Garin, the young 16 year old actor who played Andrei, was drowned in Lake Lagoda on June 25 (a year to the day of the completion of the first take of the film), in an accident that involved jumping into the icy lake just as he did in the opening scene. Garin was petrified of water, but insisted on doing the scene himself rather than using a stunt double. This film plunge seemed to conquer his fears, but later in the summer he jumped into the cold lake on a dare and was seized with cramps. He drowned not far from where the film was shot.

Grief at Volodia's tragic and early demise overshadowed director Zvyagintsev's celebrations at winning the Golden Lion at the Venice Film Festival. He and the film's other child star took the stage in Garin's honour. "You see only two actors up on the stage tonight. Those whose saw the film know there were three main actors. The fact is that the actor who played Andrei died tragically two months ago. We would like to dedicate this award to him," he said, visibly moved.

TOKYO: The Takefuji Corporation, a consumer loan company, was indicted Dec. 25 on charges of wiretapping the home telephone of freelance reporter **Shunsuke Yamaoka**, who wrote articles criticizing the company. The company's founder, Yasuo Takei, 73, was

arrested on charges he ordered the wiretapping (January *Bulletin*). Takei, the second wealthiest man in Japan according to *Forbes* magazine, resigned as the company's chairman after his arrest and admitted he asked employees to listen in on the journalist's telephone conversations.

WASHINGTON: In a Bloomberg News broadcast, OPC member **Irv Chapman**, a senior TV correspondent for the network, reported on what he and his wife **Arlene** found in December when they returned to Vietnam for the first time since the war ended in 1975. Irv reported that "the U.S. dollar goes a very, very long way....and a Hanoi hotel quite on a par with the Plaza in New York charges a promotional rate—thanks to the two-year decline in tourism—not much more than a hundred bucks a night. A meal in an exquisite Vietnamese restaurant would cost three or four times as much in Washington, if you could find it....The U.S. Chamber of Commerce in Vietnam now has 400 members, most involved in importing consumer goods and getting a foot in the door of an economy set to develop strongly. Unilever and Proctor & Gamble are fighting for detergent dominance. There is a Saigon stock market, but with barely two dozen listed companies so far."

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OPC member **David Anable** retires this summer after seven years as president of the International Center for Journalists. Founded in 1984, the Center has brought hundreds of overseas journalists to the United States for training while sending Knight International Press Fellows and journalism teachers to developing countries around the world. In a statement, Anable said: "It has been a huge privilege to be part of an organization that is so deeply committed to the best of honest, accurate and independent journalism, and that has such dedicated staffers, trainers, fellows and associates." Before joining the center, Anable spent 23 years with *The Christian Science Monitor* as a reporter, foreign correspondent, New York bureau chief, foreign editor and managing editor. He left *The Monitor* in 1989 to become a professor and chair of the School of Journalism at Boston University. A search for his replacement is underway. Applications and inquiries may be sent to The President Search Committee, International Center for Journalists, 1616 H

Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006,
e-mail president@icfg.org

WIMBERLEY, Texas: Keith Kay, who covered the Vietnam War for CBS News, reports that he now is a cowboy, working on a Texas cattle ranch and training horses. But he keeps his hand in TV. Last year, he produced a story on cowboys for ABC News "Nightline." A second cowboy program was scheduled but put on hold when the Iraq War started, Keith told "People." Kay was president of the Foreign Correspondents' Club [FCC] in Hong Kong, 1975-1976. His late father, **Alfred Kay**, was a *Pacific Stars & Stripes* news editor in Tokyo in the 1950s, freelanced for newspapers, was a PR man for Pan American Airways in Hong Kong and later a newspaperman in California. "My father served on the [FCC] board many years before I was old enough to sit at the Main Bar," Keith said.

WEDDING

Sheila Hanson Pierce, 31, a journalist in Rome, and **Lorenzo Ortona**, 27, a foreign service officer with Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, were married Jan. 2 at St. Ignatius Loyola Roman Catholic Church in New York City. The bride's work has been published in *The Washington Post*, *The International Herald Tribune* and *House and Garden* magazine.



Sheila Pierce, Lorenzo Ortona

IN MEMORY

LaVerne (Bunny) Stevenson, 76, an award-winning journalist, died in a Winston-Salem, North Carolina health care center Jan. 23 after a long bout with lung disease. She was the widow of **H. L. (Steve) Stevenson**, former vice president and editor-in-chief of UPI, OPC president 1990-1992 and then president of the OPC Foundation until his death in 1995. Before their marriage, Bunny worked on North Carolina newspapers covering crime, courts, and city and state governments for *The Raleigh Times* and then an investigative reporter for *The Charlotte Observer*. She won top awards for spot

news and feature writing from the North Carolina Press Association in the 1950s when most newspapers limited women writers to society news. In 1959 she applied for a job at the United Press Raleigh bureau and was interviewed by Steve. He declined to hire her because her experience demanded a higher salary than UP could pay. Instead, he took her to dinner and they were married six months later.

From 1983-1998 Bunny was a freelance medical writer for Professional Education Publications, Stamford, Connecticut, covering AIDS, diabetes, cardiology and microbiology. She accompanied her husband on many of his reporting trips, meeting Presidents Carter and Reagan, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, China's Premier Chou En-lai and Mexico's President Juan Echeverria. Their daughter **Jennifer L. Stevenson**, a former reporter at Florida's *St. Petersburg Times*, survives. Bunny was an honorary member of the OPC, and Jennifer also is an honorary member. Steve launched the OPC Foundation's current scholarship awards, and, ironically, Bunny died the day of this year's scholarship lunch. Jennifer was invited to present the scholarship named for her father but remained with her mother. Jennifer has taken care of her mother for the past year and a half, and she told "People" she now will become a freelance journalist. Before she died, Bunny asked that contributions in her memory be made to the H. L. Stevenson Scholarship at the OPC Foundation.

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Neil Sandow, 75, father of **Laurie Sandow**, who prints the *OPC Bulletin*, was killed in a two-car head-on collision in Santa Cruz, California, Jan. 16. Neil recently retired from writing insurance for Silicon Valley corporate clients, but always remembered fondly his employment at *The Brooklyn Eagle*. His wife Beverly, 74, Laurie's mother who is battling leiomyosarcoma, was critically injured in the accident and airlifted to a San Jose, CA, hospital. Laurie owns and operates Nibs Design, Inc., the Long Island City, New York, company that has printed the monthly *Bulletin* for the past several years.



LaVerne Stevenson

Alex Kahn, 94, died Jan. 10 at his Los Angeles home, and the *Los Angeles Times* wrote: "UPI said Kahn was the first reporter to obtain the Japanese war declaration by Emperor Hirohito in 1941." United Press scored several World War II beats because, before, during and after the war, it operated a station in Moraga, California, that monitored radio broadcasts from the Far East. Kahn worked 40 years for the wire service.

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Philip L. Geyelin turned *The Washington Post's* editorial page against the Vietnam War and won a Pulitzer Prize in the process. While covering the conflict for *The Wall Street Journal* in the mid-1960s, Geyelin became disillusioned over what the war was accomplishing. "When he got there, he could see for himself that things were not as they were reported" in the media back home, his wife, Sherry, said. When *The Washington Post* hired him in 1967 to be deputy editorial page editor under **J. Russell Wiggins**, the paper's editorials supported the war. The next year, Geyelin succeeded Wiggins, and Geyelin with the support of publisher **Katharine Graham** began to turn the editorial page against the war, and he won the 1970 Pulitzer Prize for his anti-war editorials.



Philip L. Geyelin

After graduating from Yale University, Geyelin joined the U.S. Marines in World War II and fought on Iwo Jima. He worked for AP in Washington after the war and later joined *The Wall Street Journal*, serving as its bureau chief in London and Paris from 1956-1960. In 1979, **Meg Greenfield**, one of the first editorial writers to be hired by Geyelin, succeeded Geyelin as editorial page editor, and he then became a *Post* foreign affairs columnist. He wrote the 1966 book, "Lyndon B. Johnson and the World," and before his health deteriorated he was working on a book about King Hussein of Jordan. Geyelin died in his Washington home Jan. 9 of an apparent heart attack. He was 80.

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John Toland, 91, one of the most prolific winners of OPC awards in the Club's 65-year history, died of pneu-

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monia Jan. 4 in a hospital in Danbury, Connecticut, where he lived. Toland, a journalist-historian who never took a history course in college, wrote 12 nonfiction books, most of them dealing with World War II in Asia and Europe; two novels; and an autobiography. Four of his books won OPC awards and a fifth book received an OPC citation. His 1970 book "The Rising Sun: The Decline and Fall of the Japanese Empire 1936-1945" [Random House] won both an OPC award and a Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction. *Newsweek* called Toland's "Adolf Hitler" [Doubleday 1976] the "first book that anyone who wants to learn about Hitler or the war in Europe must read." In "Infamy: Pearl Harbor and Its Aftermath" [Doubleday, 1982], Toland contended he had discovered evidence that President Roosevelt knew in advance of Japan's plan to attack Pearl Harbor, but failed to inform the U.S. Navy's Pacific Command in hopes of ending America's isolation from World War II.

While in Tokyo in 1960 researching his 1961 book "But Not in Shame: The Six Months After Pearl Harbor," Toland had dinner in the Foreign Correspondents' Club with several reporters including **Igor Oganessoff** of *The Wall Street Journal* and **Dan Kurzman**, McGraw-Hill World News. In his memoir, "Captured by History" [St. Martin's Press, 1997] Toland wrote: "I noticed a petite girl heading toward our table. She carried herself regally, floating like a princess. I had never seen such beauty. I fell in love with her the moment I saw her." She was **Toshiko Matsumura**, who worked for Kurzman and McGraw Hill's **Sol Sanders**. Toshiko agreed to help Toland after her regular work day. She interpreted for him when he interviewed Japanese sources. Toshiko and John were married about a month after they met. In addition to his wife, Toland is survived by their daughter **Tamiko**, a Cornell University Soviet studies graduate and now a



(L-R) Tamiko, John and Toshiko Toland

freelance journalist in Ithaca, New York, writing for financial and other publications. Two daughters from an earlier marriage also survive.



Martin Sheridan

In 1942 when he was a freelance writer and PR man, **Martin Sheridan** accompanied his first wife, Constance Misslin, and cowboy movie star Buck Jones to Boston's Coconut Grove nightclub. Fire broke out, and 492 people were killed including his wife and the cowboy actor. His hands burned, Sheridan spent 58 days in a hospital and another four months receiving skin grafts. The injuries prevented him from entering military service, but he covered World War II in the Pacific for *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times* and the North American Newspaper Alliance. After the war, he wrote newspaper and magazine articles and worked in public relations in New York and Chicago. He was the author of the 1947 book "Overdue and Presumed Lost" about the sinking of a U.S. submarine in the last days of World War II and "Comics and Their Creators," a 1942 book inspired by his pre-WWII work assisting **Russ Westover**, who drew the comic strip "Tillie the Toiler." Sheridan, 89, died Dec. 31 of kidney failure in New London, Connecticut.

Vance E. Clark, 74, a U.S. Army correspondent with *Pacific Stars & Stripes* during the Korean War, died of cancer Dec. 27 in a Washington, D.C., hospital. After the war, he was a writer/editor at the Richmond, Indiana, *Palladium-Item*, a writer/editor at *The Cincinnati Post and Times-Star*, and a reporter for Louisville, Kentucky's *Courier-Journal*. He moved to Washington in 1966, and over the years served as executive in several non-governmental and government agencies.

Daniel G. Matthews, 71, who ran the Habari news service on Africa from the

early 1970s to the early 1980s, died Dec. 28 of a heart attack at his Rockville, Maryland, home. After U.S. Army service in the Korean War, he became a State Department intelligence analyst on the Soviet Union, and for several decades edited Baywood Publishing publications including "A Current Bibliography on African Affairs."

During the Cold War when he was Soviet ambassador to Japan, 1967-1976, **Oleg A. Troyanovsky** cultivated friends in Tokyo's foreign press corps and was the first Soviet envoy to attend functions in the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan. In a skit put on at one of the Club's annual anniversary dinners, a UPI correspondent who now writes the *Bulletin's* "People" column played an astronaut who lands on the moon and murmurs, "Nothing here but rocks, rocks, rocks." Troyanovsky and his wife, Tatyana, were at that dinner. Several years later when Troyanovsky was Soviet representative at the United Nations, that same American correspondent was walking in a U.N. corridor when Troyanovsky approached. The Soviet diplomat grasped the newsman's hand, smiled and repeated the lines, "Nothing here but rocks, rocks, rocks."

During his Tokyo assignment, Troyanovsky, an avid tennis player, was elected president of the Tokyo Lawn Tennis Club. **John Rich**, then an NBC correspondent, often played against the Soviet ambassador. "Now and then I could just barely beat him," Rich, an OPC member, told "People."

It was no accident that Troyanovsky spoke English sprinkled with American idioms. He attended the American School in Tokyo starting in 1927 when he was eight years old and his father, Aleksandr A. Troyanovsky was Soviet ambassador to Japan. In 1934, his father became the first Soviet envoy to the United States, and young Troyanovsky attended American schools including Sidwell Friends School and Swarthmore College. His last diplomatic post was ambassador to China, where he served until retiring in 1990. Troyanovsky died Dec. 21 in Russia at age 84.



Oleg A. Troyanovsky

Paul Simon never forgot the newspaper reporting trip he made to Taiwan in

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UN, particularly the disagreement over how to proceed in Iraq, on a "war in Washington" between the Pentagon and the State Department.

Hoge suggested that perhaps America's tendency towards isolationism, coupled with its growing interdependence with the rest of the world, contributed to tension between the US and the UN.

Schlesinger pointed out that the founding countries recognized America's isolationist instincts—even though the US was fully engaged in World War II at the time. Why are the headquarters in New York? Most of the founding countries wanted them there, says Schlesinger, so that the UN would remain vital for Americans. Roosevelt and Truman agreed, wanting to ensure that Americans did not forget the rest of the world, once World War II ended. Truman addressed the San Francisco Conference on its final day, acknowledging that joining an international body would require sacrificing some sovereignty. We all have to recognize that we can't always do what we please, he told the conference. But, he said, that's the price we pay for world peace.

Hoge also asked the authors for their views on one of the UN's thorniest problems: How is it possible to reform the Security Council, when the five permanent members have veto power over any decision? Hoge pointed out that these five states—the United States, Russia,



Stephen Schlesinger's whole family was on hand to support his new book. Judith, his wife; Sarah, his daughter and Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., his father and Alexandra Schlesinger, Arthur's wife, all attended the OPC event.

Britain, France and China—reflect the world of 1945—not 2004. But why would any member agree to relinquish its permanent seat, to make a place for say, India? Former UN Ambassador Richard Holbrooke told Hoge bluntly that it will never happen.

Schlesinger is slightly more optimistic. He sees a possibility that the Security Council could expand—from 15 countries to 20 or 22—though he acknowledges that ultimately the decision to reform comes down to the will of those five states.

As for the future, Hoge asked how the UN might improve its image. Maybe, he suggested, a PR campaign? Schlesinger says a UN-sponsored media blitz wouldn't do the trick. For one, there is an injunction prohibiting the UN from promoting itself. But the larger problem, he says, is that American presidents have not paid much attention to the UN, nor have they educated others about its importance.

Perhaps these two books will begin to change that.

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the 1960s before serving five terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois and two terms in the Senate. Last November at the memorial service for Madame Chiang Kai-shek in New York City, Simon recounted his Taipei trip. Five weeks later on Dec. 9, Simon died in a Springfield, Illinois, hospital, a day after undergoing single bypass and heart valve surgery.



Paul Simon

He was 75, born just after his Lutheran minister father returned from missionary work in China. Simon dropped out of college in 1948, his junior year, and borrowed \$3,600 from a bank to purchase

The Tribune, a failing weekly paper in Troy, Illinois, a Mississippi River town of 1,500 population. After purchasing 13 other small newspapers, he sold his chain in 1966 and taught at a college. Simon was elected to the House of Representatives in 1974 and to the Senate in 1984. Retiring from politics, he established a public policy institute at Southern Illinois University.

In its November-December issue, the Stars and Stripes Association's newsletter reported three deaths:

David Stern III, 94, who served with the U.S. military newspaper in World War II and became a co-officer in charge of the publication, died Nov. 22 in San Francisco. Stern also held top positions at the *New York Post*, *Philadelphia Daily News* and the *New Orleans Item*. In 1946, he created "Francis the Talking Mule," a

book of short stories that were made into seven films. Stern was the son of *New York Post* publisher **J. David Stern**.

Kenneth E. Visser, 76, who worked for *Stars & Stripes* in Germany, 1946-1948, died Oct. 26 in a Manhattan, Kansas health center. After military service, he farmed in Kansas and wrote 1,664 columns for the *Wakefield Sun*, a Kansas newspaper, from 1971 until his death.

Stuart W. Shadbolt, 73, who was on the *Pacific Stars & Stripes* staff in Asia, 1971-1974, died July 24 in Melbourne, Florida, of injuries suffered in a bicycle accident. After military service, he was lobbyist for the North Carolina Medical Society, director of public information for the North Carolina Department of Corrections and public affairs director at Lockheed Space Operations in Florida.

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The U.S. government expects to start broadcasting Arab-language news and entertainment this winter by satellite to the Middle East from studios in Springfield, Virginia. *The New York Times* said the Al Hara (The Free One) network is "meant to be America's 'fair and balanced' pan-Arab answer to outlets like Al Jazeera, the Qatar-based satellite network that White House officials accuse of fanning anti-Americanism in the Persian Gulf region." With studios in Baghdad and bureaus throughout the Middle East, Al Hara is funded by a \$40 million appropriation in President Bush's \$87 billion financial aid package for Iraq and Afghanistan.

January 2

The war in Iraq has led to a sharp increase in the number of journalists killed around the world. The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists reported that 36 correspondents were

killed last year compared with 19 in 2002. Last year's toll included 13 reporters killed in hostile actions in Iraq, and six others who died there in traffic accidents or illness. At least four of the journalists were killed by the U.S. military, and the Committee said it "continues to demand a full public accounting from the Pentagon" for the accidents.

January 5

Three days after they were detained by the U.S. military, three Iraqi employees of Reuters and an Iraqi cameraman working for NBC News were released. They were taken into custody near Falluja, west of Baghdad, after insurgents shot down a U.S. helicopter, killing one soldier and wounding another. David Schlesinger, Reuters global managing editor and an OPC board member, wrote to the Pentagon expressing concern about the incident. The *Guardian* newspaper wrote that the journalists were blindfolded, forced to stand for hours with their arms raised and threatened with sexual abuse.

Khaled Abdel-Latif Dumeisi, 61, publisher of a Chicago Arabic-language newspaper, went on trial in a U.S. federal court on charges of conspiracy and acting as an unregistered agent of Iraq. He was accused of working as a secret agent who used his newspaper job as a cover to inform on Iraqi opposition groups in the United States. Dumeisi, a Jordanian citizen who has lived in the United States for the past 10 years, denied the charges and told the FBI that his frequent contacts with the Iraqi mission at the United Nations were a part of his work as a journalist (September 2003 *Bulletin*).

January 12

Reporter Marc Epstein and photographer Jean-Paul Guilleau of the French weekly *L'Express*, were sentenced to six months in prison for traveling to an area in Pakistan near its border with Afghanistan without government permission. On appeal, their sentence was reduced to seven days, and they were released since they had already spent that much time in police custody. But the judge doubled their fine to \$3,500 each. Quoting state-run news organizations in Pakistan, AP reported the two journalists were planning a report on how Taliban rebels had set up training camps in Pakistan's Quetta region about 30 miles from Afghanistan. But Rauf Chaudry, Interior Ministry spokesman, accused the correspondents of staging their film of Taliban activities. "All the Taliban were fake, it was all managed,

there were no Taliban," he said. The two correspondents were arrested in December for violating visa regulations and for taking photographs of "prohibited areas." Their Pakistani colleague, Khawar Mehdi Rizvi, was arrested with them and was being held for future action. Pakistan issues visas to correspondents that restrict them from travel to certain cities. David Rohde of *The New York Times* reported, "Journalists have called the policy censorship, but officials say it is for their safety."

January 14

Afghanistan's Supreme Court protested after the Culture Ministry lifted a 12-year ban on female singers appearing on state television. Kabul Television broadcast old images of popular singer Parasto, who now lives in the West, performing without a head scarf. Fazl Ahmad Manawi, deputy chief justice, said the broadcast was "totally against the decisions of the Supreme Court and it has to be stopped." But the deputy culture minister, Abdul Hamid Mubaiz, said the move was in line with the new constitution, adding: "There should be no discrimination between man and woman."



Parasto on TV

January 16

Robert Kilroy-Silk, a popular British talk show host, quit his BBC job in a dispute over anti-Arab comments he made in a *Sunday Express* newspaper column. In the column, Kilroy-Silk asked what do Arabs "think we feel about them?...that we admire them for being suicide bombers, limb amputators, women repressors?"

January 27

An Opel approached a two-car CNN convoy south of Baghdad and a gunman armed with an AK-47 opened fire from the sunroof, killing CNN producer Duraid Isa Mohammed and his driver, Yasser Khatab. Cameraman Scott McWhinnie, traveling in the second car, was grazed in the head by a bullet. Nigel Pritchard, CNN's vice president for international relations, said the CNN cars were unmarked and the attackers may not have known they carried journalists.

MacALLESTER

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Iraqi authorities released the journalists and drove them about 300 miles to the Jordanian border.

McAllester has now written a book about his experience, illustrated with the photographs of *Newsday* photojournalist Moises Saman. In "Blinded by the Sunlight: Emerging from the Prison of Saddam's Iraq," McAllester weaves together the harrowing account of his incarceration as a political prisoner with the larger story of how the Iraqi people suffered more than two decades of totalitarian oppression. Using personal anecdotes from his time in Baghdad, he relates the Iraqi experience through many sets of eyes—the loyal driver who risked his family's safety to help him; the unrepentant member of Saddam's personal bodyguards—to paint a vivid picture of Iraq's struggles, then and now.

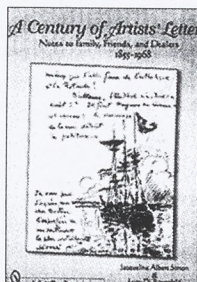
On Wednesday, February 18th, the OPC will inaugurate the publication of MacAllester's new book. The author, who won a Pulitzer for his 1997 coverage of the TWA 800 crash on Long Island, has also written a book on his coverage of the war in Kosovo, "Beyond the Mountains of the Damned: The War inside Kosovo (New York University Press, 2000). A reception, beginning at 5:30, will precede the talk, scheduled for 6:30. Books will be available for sale and signing.

NEW BOOKS

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EUROPE

MORE than 100 letters from 19th and 20th century painters in Paris are collected in "A Century of Artists' Letters: Notes to Family, Friends, and Dealers 1855-1968" [Schiffer Books] by OPC treasurer **Jacqueline Albert-Simon** and **Lucy D. Rosenfeld**. The letters, including translations from their original French into English, were written by, among others, Claude Monet, August Renoir, Edouard Manet, Pablo Picasso and Mary Cassatt. The artists write about their work, health, finances and future plans. Pierre Bonnard, at 18, writes a long letter to his father explaining why he has transferred from art school to law school. Emile Bernard describes, as Paul Gauguin recounted it to him, the night Vincent van Gogh cut off his own ear. The letters were selected from the Pierre F. Simon collection in the New York Public Library. The book includes an art work by each artist, and their portrait, self-portrait or photograph. Albert-Simon is U.S. bureau chief and associate editor of the French review, *Politique Internationale*. Rosenfeld is author of 19 books on art, architecture and cultural history.



Cover of "A Century of Artists' Letters."

LEO Bogart was 20 years old when he entered the U.S. Army in 1942, and his assignment was to ride in the lead plane of a bomber formation while listening for German signal communications. He writes about his four years in the military in "How I Earned the Ruptured Duck: Behind the Lines in World War II" [College Station: Texas A&M University Press]. Bogart writes about riding to Europe aboard the Queen Mary, an ocean liner converted into a troopship; coming under enemy fire, viewing the ancient Luxembourg Prison, his interactions with Germans, his speculations on the Nazi mind and memories of friends who never made it home.

The title refers to the gilt lapel pin that was awarded to all honorably discharged WWII veterans. It bore the stylized head of an eagle and was nicknamed the ruptured duck. Bogart, an OPC member and business consultant in New York City, is a past president of the American and

World Associations for Public Opinion Research and for many years was executive vice president and general manager of the Newspaper Advertising Bureau.

In a CD that accompanies the book "Silent Night, Holy Night" [Shadow Mountain], OPC member **Walter Cronkite** narrates the story of a truce that briefly halted World War I. French and German soldiers were looted in brutal trench warfare on Christmas Day in 1914 when they laid down their arms, exchanged gifts and sang "Silent Night." The illustrated book commemorates a 2002 Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra Christmas concert at which Cronkite told the story of the Christmas truce. His CD includes a recording of the choir singing "Silent Night."

NORTH AMERICA

HIS schoolmates named the striped bass Solomon Starbucks Stripper because he was so serious and because his stripes were the color of coffee rather than black. Communal living did not please this fish, so he said to himself, "Solomon Starbucks Stripper, or Solo as they call you, from now on you are going to live up to your nickname and strike out on your own." **Roy Rowan**, OPC president 1998-2000, writes about this fish's adventures in "Solomon Starbucks Stripper: A Fish Story About Follow-

ing Your Dreams" [Block Island, Rhode Island: Book Nook Press]. Solomon learns how to jump into the air and swim fast, skills not native to his breed. He escapes a shark, learns from a wise octopus that "all things are possible" and explores the Andrea Doria, the Italian liner sunk between Block Island and Nantucket. The publisher calls Rowan's book an "entertaining and beautifully descriptive fable... about the importance of following your dreams."



Cover of "Solomon Starbucks Stripper."

The book's jacket was designed by OPC member **Edward A. Hamilton**, retired from *Time-Life*. In a blurb, **Richard B. Stolley**, OPC's 2nd vice president and founding editor of *People* magazine, wrote: "Whether you are a catcher or consumer, this fish story will warm your heart and remind you that it's right there and that a 'new and better world' can be truly found." "Starbucks," a slim 86-page book illustrated with line drawings by **Jane Grant Tentas**, is Rowan's seventh book, and the former *Time-Life* correspondent in Asia and Europe has another book coming out later this year.

Press Freedom Backed at UN Internet Summit

By **Norman A. Schorr** and **Larry Martz**

Defenders of press freedom won a key victory last December at a U.N.-sponsored meeting on the future of the Internet. Beating back a series of proposals for controls on Internet reporting, the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) adopted a declaration that "freedom of the press and freedom of information...are essential to the Information Society."

The principles adopted at the summit in Geneva omitted any reference to a "right to communicate," a code phrase meaning that vaguely defined groups may commandeer media and control their content. The summit had been pushed by many of the same forces that led UNESCO to endorse the pro-censorship "new world information order" two decades ago. (That

stance has since been reversed.)

James H. Ottaway, chairman of the World Press Freedom Committee, applauded the wording of the declaration and its reaffirmation of Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression...and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers."

However, Ottaway and other backers of free expression warned that the struggle over Internet censorship will continue until the final session of the World Summit in November, 2005. The WPFC and other groups, including the OPC's Freedom of the Press Committee, are challenging plans to hold that meeting in Tunisia, where the press is routinely censored and journalists are jailed.

New Books

GLOBAL

DAVID Douglas Duncan wanted his autobiography, "Photo Nomad" (January *Bulletin*), published in the size of a hardcover novel, not as a coffee-table book, even though it included some 400 of the photos he took covering the world. "I felt it might have a chance of being read—on planes, in bed, anyplace—if it could be hand held," Duncan told OPC member **Alan Riding** of *The New York Times*. His usual publishers did not support his plan, so Duncan designed, edited and paid for printing in Italy of his novel-sized, 464-page book. Duncan, who turned 88 in January, is a former *Life* photographer who covered wars in Palestine, Greece, Turkey, Korea and Vietnam, and stories in Japan, India, Egypt, Morocco and Afghanistan.



David Douglas Duncan, photographed by Lt. Richard M. Nixon in the Solomon Islands.

When Richard M. Nixon was a U.S. Navy lieutenant during World War II, the future president took a photograph of Duncan, then a U.S. Marine, in the Solomon Islands, and the two men remained in touch for years. On the day that Saigon fell to the communists in 1975, Duncan was visiting Nixon in the

former president's San Clemente, California, home. But Duncan was unable to record the moment on film. "I blew it," he told Riding. "I'd left my camera in the car." Since 1962, Duncan has lived in Castellaras in southern France, 15 miles north of Cannes.

ASIA

SAID to be the largest commercial book ever published, weighing more than 130 pounds, "Bhutan: A Visual Odyssey Across the Himalayan Kingdom" is a monumental digital photographic study of one of the world's smallest countries. Containing 114 pages, the book is five feet high and opens to nearly seven feet wide. Each of the 500 copies consumed two gallons of ink and took 24 hours to print. Production cost of each book was about \$1,000, and the book sells for \$10,000 of which \$9,000 is contributed to Bhutan's ministry of education and into a scholarship fund to send Bhutanese students to colleges abroad.

The book is the work of **Michael Hawley**, 42, a computer scientist at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He made four trips to Bhutan from 1988-2002, accompanied each time by a few MIT students, and collected a database of 40,000 photographs that were downloaded from cameras into notebook computers. At one point, Hawley wondered if the project was folly. He told **Steve Lohr** of *The New York Times*: "But I've always felt that any interesting endeavor should have a daft quality to it. You ought to aim high." Hawley is more than a computer whiz. An accomplished pianist, he



Michael Hawley with his monumental photographic study of Bhutan.

won the 2002 Van Cliburn amateur competition.

SIMON & Schuster withdrew Chinese publishing rights to Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton's autobiography after the Chinese publisher refused to restore all passages dealing with China. In translating Clinton's "Living History," Yilan Press of Nanjing, a major state-owned publisher, shortened or deleted commentary deemed offensive by the government. After three months of negotiations, Yilan agreed to restore some but not all censored passages. In a letter to Yilan terminating publishing rights, Carolyn Reidy, president of Simon & Schuster Adult Publishing Group, wrote: "Unfortunately, it remains clear that you are not prepared to publish a 'faithful and accurate' translation of the work as required by our contract." **Joseph Kahn** of *The New York Times* reported: "The episode has proved embarrassing to the Chinese publishing industry, which is eager to satisfy the Chinese public's appetite for major Western works of modern history and current events and, like the Chinese news media, tries to hide its editing and censorship."

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